

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The independent claims 1, 2, 3 and 30 have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the Morita reference and the Jensen reference which neither alone, or in combination teach both ceasing the production of ozone and passing the cleaning gas through the ozone generator.

Claims 7, 19, 20, 21 and 28 have been re-written as independent claims, and based on the Examiner's comments should now be allowable.

With respect to new claim 35 it is submitted that none of the prior art teaches the specific temperature range claimed.


All the remaining claims are either allowed or are dependent upon one or more of the other claims referenced above and accordingly, it is submitted they are also patentable over the prior art.

No new matter has been added by any of the foregoing amendments.

Application No. 09/832,859
Amdt dated October 31, 2003
Reply to Office Action of May 5, 2003

In view of the aforementioned amendments and remarks, favourable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


Alistair G. Simpson
Registration No. 37,040

Smart & Biggar
438 University Avenue
Suite 1500, Box 111
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M5G 2K8

Telephone: (416) 593-5514
Facsimile: (416) 591-1690

October 31, 2003
91954-9 AGS/sks